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SUBJECT: PERMREP'S DISCUSSION OF MBFR/ CSCE LINKAGE

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SUMMARY: AT LUNCH MAY 22, PERMREPS DISCUSSED AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S MAY 21 REPORT TO COUNCIL (REFTEL) ON SUBSTANCE KISSINGER/ BREZHNEV TALKS. PERMREPS REVIEWED PROS AND CONS OF MBFR/ CSCE LINKAGE QUESTION AND A NUMBER ADVOCATED CAREFUL COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. MENZIES (CANADA) READ FROM CABLE HE HAD RECEIVED FROM CANADIAN DELEGATION TO MIT IN HELSINKI REPORTING EFFORTS TO CONCLUDE PREPARATORY WORK BY MAY 25-26 AND MIT BY JUNE 1. OBJECT WOULD BE TO FIX JUNE 28 AS OPENING DATE FOR CSCE, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THAT SOME SOVIETS NOW ADMIT JULY 3-4 IS MORE REALISTIC TARGET. MENZIES ASKED WHETHER IN VIEW OF SOVIET POSITION AS SECRET

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EXPRESSED TO DR. KISSINGER ALLIES SHOULD AGREE TO DATE FOR CSCE UNTIL SOVIETS HAVE AGREED IN VIENNA TO FIRM DATE FOR ACTUAL MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. HE PROPOSED EARLY NAC CONSULTATIONS ON THIS.

2. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED BY MENZIES VARIED:

- PECK (UK) CONCLUDED IT CERTAIN US WILL RAISE THE MATTER DURING COURSE OF BREZHNEV VISIT TO WASHINGTON SINCE SOVIET IDEA OF MBFR DEFERRAL UNTIL AFTER PHASE III OF CSCE RAN COUNTER TO NATO' S UNDERSTANDING OF PARALLELISM;
- DE ROSE (FRANCE) OBSERVED THAT, WHEN ALLIES COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO MPT IN HELSINKI AND MIT IN VIENNA THEY BEGAN IRREVERSIBLE JOURNEY TO CSCE AND TO MBFR. WESTERN ALLIES MIGHT REGULATE PACE TO SOME EXTENT BUT NO MORE;
- HJORTH- NIELSEN (DENMARK) SAID THAT, AFTER ALL THE GOOD WORK ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED IN HELSINKI IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO DEFER OPENING OF CSCE;
- DE STAERCKE AND BUWALDA (NETHERLANDS) AGREED THAT COUNCIL MUST DECIDE AT END OF MPT WHETHER RESULTS ARE SUFFICIENTLY PROMISING TO WARRANT CSCE. ONCE ALLIES AGREE TO DATE FOR PHASE I OF CSCE, THEY WILL HAVE LOST ALL LEVERAGE FOR INSISTING ON FIDELITY TO TIMETABLE AGREED UPON WITH SOVIETS IN 1972.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS REGARDING US POSITION ON AGREED TIMETABLE, MCAULIFFE RESPONDED THAT US CONTINUES TO WORK TOWARDS MBFR IN SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER AND TOWARDS CSCE MINISTERIAL IN LATE JUNE; THAT US DOES NOT ACCEPT SOVIET CONTENTION THAT CSCE MUST CONCLUDE BEFORE MBFR BEGINS; AND THAT THIS QUESTION IS NOW OPEN FOR NEGOTIATION WITH ALLIES.

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